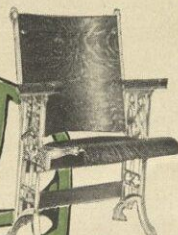


CHURCH SEATING

ILLUSTRATIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS OF
THE MODERN FORMS OF
CHURCH SEATING

PEWS and CHAIRS



Manufactured by
AMERICAN SEATING COMPANY
CHICAGO
90 Wabash Ave.
BOSTON
70 Franklin Street

NEW YORK
19 W. 18th Street
PHILADELPHIA
1235 Arch Street



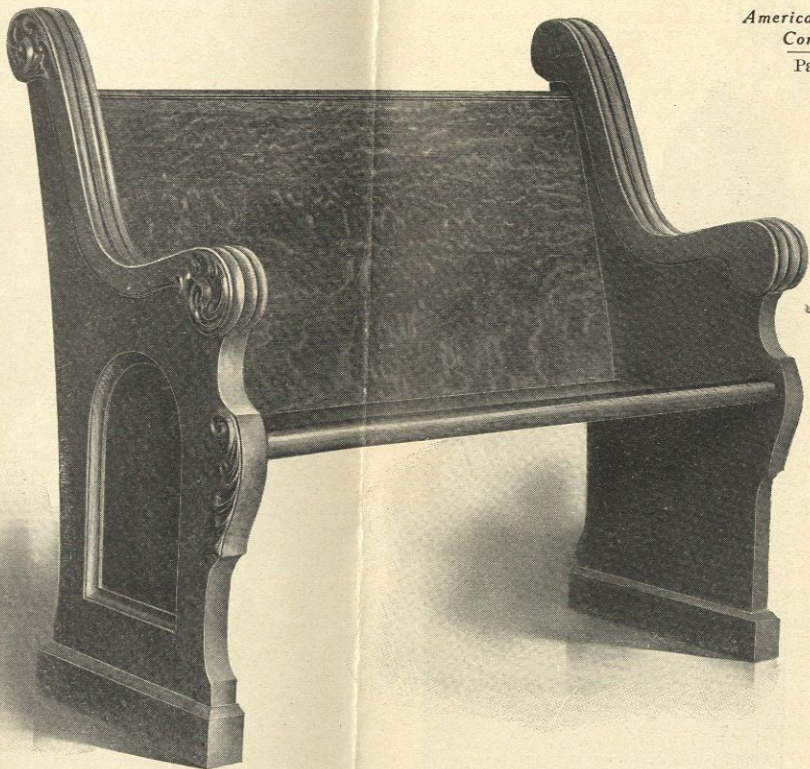
PEWS OR CHAIRS?

When the matter of seating for a new church comes before the Building Committee there are two distinct kinds of seats and combinations of these two, for them to consider. These are pews and church chairs.

The Committee may select pews. They may be made more appropriate, architecturally, than chairs; for the reason that outline, panels and carvings may be designed to conform to the general style of the church building when some definite style of architecture is followed.

Church chairs may be chosen. The stationary chair with folding seat has become popular for church use. Many churches have found by experience that they are far more comfortable and convenient than was supposed possible. Those who are prejudiced against chairs will find that they have many advantages when they have given the subject a thorough investigation. The seats, by lifting, allow the rows to be placed closer together, thus giving greater seating capacity than would be possible with pews. They also allow the occupant of a seat in the center of the row to pass out with greater ease.

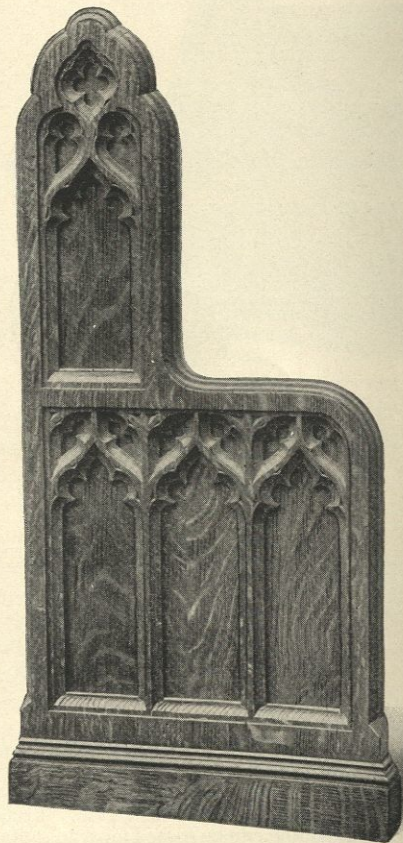
Again, the Committee may see the advantage of the church chair but may be unwilling to give up the artistic effect made by the aisles with their lines of beautiful pew ends. This difficulty is easily overcome by using pews with individual folding seats or rows of church chairs with pew ends on the aisles. When you have decided on one or the other of these several styles, write for our booklets, showing designs. We will be glad to send them to you. If in doubt as to which form to adopt, write us, giving all the particulars and we will give you the benefit of our years of experience with both forms. We will tell you which is best for your purpose and why.



INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR ESTIMATES

In making prices on church seating it is necessary to know the exact number of feet of pews or the number of chairs required. The best way to give us this information is to send us a copy of your architect's plans or a rough sketch of the floor outline, giving inside measurements of the room to be seated and showing the location of all obstructions, such as posts, registers, doors, platforms, etc. From this we can arrange a seating plan without cost to you, showing how your church can be seated most advantageously.

Our long experience in this work enables us to prepare an attractive and convenient plan for seating any room and at the same time provide for the required seating capacity.



Pew End No. 114

PEWS

Our pews are usually built of oak, elm or birch. The rarer woods, such as mahogany and walnut, are occasionally used, but only in exceptional cases. The bodies of our pews are made either straight or circular, in several forms, for use with or without cushions.

If you are unable to find a pew end in our large line, suited to your needs, we will submit special designs or build the ends from drawings made by your architect. We finish our pews to match the interior woodwork of the building.



Church Chair No. 141

CHURCH AND ASSEMBLY CHAIRS

Our chairs are made in a wide range of styles, from one of plain veneer to an elaborate, fully upholstered divan seat. They can be furnished in any wood or finish; with enamel, nickel, or antique copper castings, and in any shade or kind of material used for upholstering purposes.



FOLDING PORTABLE CHAIRS

Indispensable for
Sunday School rooms
or any assembly room
where at times it is
desirable to clear the
floor of chairs or re-
arrange their order.

No. 200. Veneer back and
seat. The most popular

portable chair ever made. Over 100,000 in use.

No. 2. Same as No. 200 except the stringer which

connects top of short legs is omitted so that regular assembly chair hat wires may be used.

ALBERT LEA, MINN.



REPAIRS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO

ESTIMATES SOLICITED

ENTERPRISE IRON WORKS

J. WELLINGTON VENESS, PROPRIETOR

CASTINGS, GENERAL MACHINERY

AND STRUCTURAL IRON WORK

222, 224, 226 WEST WILLIAM ST.

Albert Lea, Minn., Jan. 14, 1907.

Manitowoc Seating Works,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:
Replying to your inquiry of the 11th inst., relative to the seating of the First Baptist Church, beg to say that we are entirely satisfied with your job of seating, both in the way they are constructed and also the finish. We have, without doubt, the best job of the kind in the city, and should we have a further order, would not hesitate to place the same with you, as we feel that we have been treated very fairly thruout.

Wishing you success, we beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

J. W. Veness

Chairman of the Bldg. Committee.

JERSEY CITY, N. J.

Emory Methodist Episcopal Church.

REV. DR. G. T. GOSSET, PASTOR
19-23-1884

DESIGNS AND DRAWINGS

Jersey City, N. J.

The American School Furniture Co.
19-23-1884

Dear Sirs.

The work done
in Emory Church by the
American School Furniture Co.
was of a very high order and
most satisfactory.

Respectfully,

G. E. Vogel

VALDOSTA, GA.

First Christian Church,
Richard W. Wallace, Pastor
Valdosta, Georgia

Jan. 16, 1907.

American Seating Company.

Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen: In reply to your inquiry relative to the degree of satisfaction which the pews we purchased from you have given, I will say that they have more than given satisfaction. We are very much pleased with them.

We like them for their beauty, their comfort, and their stability. They have been admired by every body who has seen them. If you always do as good work as you did here I wish you abundant and increasing success and prosperity.

Yours very truly,

Richard W. Wallace



ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH BEND, IND.
Seated with Circular Pews.

EXECUTORS OF ESTATE OF
CLEM STUDEBAKER.
SOUTH BEND, IND.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

American Seating
Company
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August 15-1903.

Manitowoc Seating Works,
Manitowoc, Wis.

Gentlemen:- Replying to your communication as to whether the
pews you furnished for the St. Paul's M. E. Church, this city, were sat-
isfactory, will say they are satisfactory in every way. We find the
workmanship of the very best.

Very truly yours,

TRUSTEES OF ESTATE OF CLEMENT STUDEBAKER.

By Am. Seating Co.
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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

A. G. WASS,
ARCHITECT.
602 LOWER EXCHANGE.

FORM T. C. 1027

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Jan 16th 1907

*American Seating Company
90 Wabash Ave
Chicago Ill.*

Gentlemen,

*Yours of the 12th inst. is at hand.
Asking my opinion in regards
to the Pews that you furnished
for the Elin Swedish Bapt. Church
Mpls. Minn.*

*Will say that they are to our entire
satisfaction.*

Yours truly

A. G. Wass.

ATLANTA, GA.

ETTERIDGE & ETTERIDGE
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
100-10 CENTURY BUILDING.
ATLANTA, GA.

E. A. STERNBERG
PAUL A. STERNBERG

Jan. 17, 1907.

American Seating Co.
Chicago.

Gentlemen:

As chairman of the Building Committee of Emmanuel Baptist
Church of this city I beg to advise that not only the committee but the
entire congregation of our church are highly pleased with the pews re-
cently installed by you in our church.

Ours is not the finest church in the city, and there are some in
which there are more costly pews; but I have not found a church in Atlanta
in which there are more comfortable, prettier or better arranged seats.

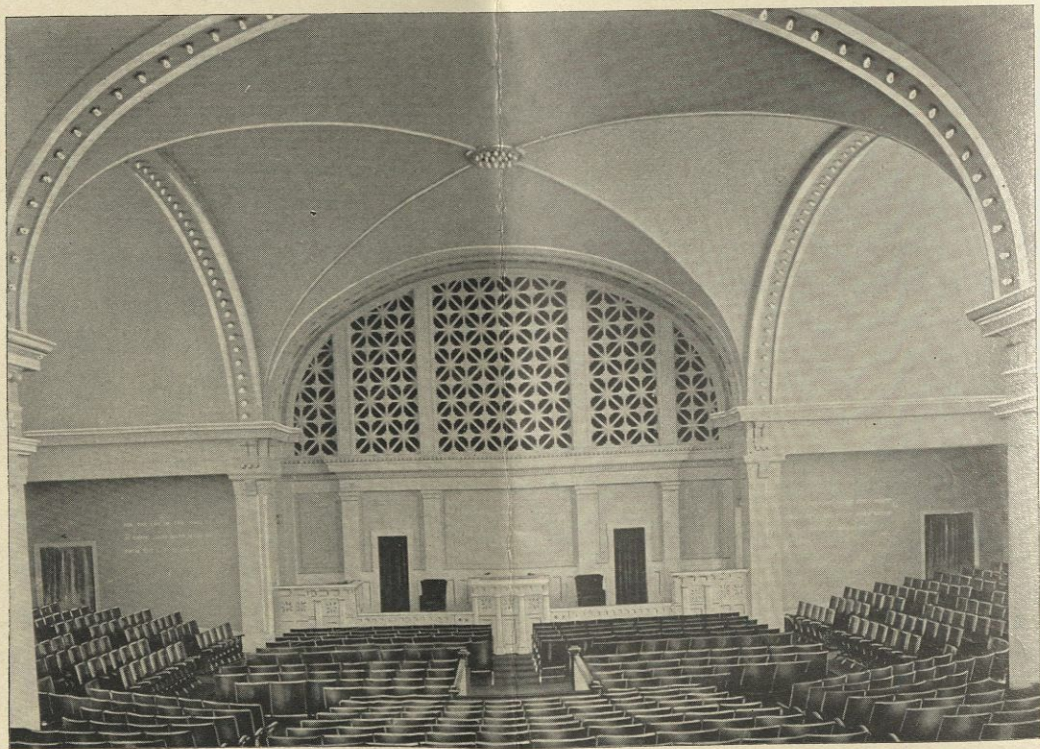
Your representatives here have been very courteous and obliging,
and succeeded in working out the floor plan exactly, also did a good
job in setting up the pews.

I shall be glad to have you refer anyone interested in such mat-
ters to me, or to our church at large.

PSE/M

Very truly yours,

Paul A. Sternberg



FOURTH CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, OF CHICAGO, ILLS.
Seated with Church Chairs.

CHICAGO, ILL.

South Church of Christ, Scientist
25th & Huron Sts.

American Seating
Company
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Chicago, Nov 1st
American Seating Co.
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

We take pleasure in saying
the chairs you furnished our church
were promptly delivered and carefully
set in place, everything being strictly
in accord with sample furnished
they present a very fine appearance
and harmonize well with surroundings

Sincerely Yours

South Church Christ Scientist
F. M. Timmons
Clerk

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

The First Baptist Church
Jacksonville, Florida.

W. A. Gibson, P. D. Pastor.
E. G. Davis, Clerk.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 2, 1907.

American Seating Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

After a test of three years, it gives me pleasure to
state that the pews which you furnished for the First Baptist
Church of this city, are satisfactory in every respect.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Gibson

AUGUSTA, GA.

W. F. BOWEN, PRES.

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AUGUSTA GROCERY COMPANY
Wholesale Grocers and Coffee Roasters.

OFFICE: 514 WALTON ST.
CORNER OF

TRIANGULAR BLOCK

AUGUSTA, GA. Jan. 14, 1907.

American Seating Co.,
Chicago.

Gentlemen:-

My recollection is that the seats bought for the First
Baptist Church here were from American School Furniture Co. It is
possible that you are successors to this concern. We desire to say, how-
ever that the seats are entirely satisfactory, and we have never had occa-
sion to regret the purchase. There have been others who wanted seats since
that time, and they have shown interest in knowing where these seats
came from, and I have taken pleasure in giving the address as stated above
and commending your work.

Very truly yours,

Paul Allerton



ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, WICHITA, KAS.
Seated with Pews on the Main Floor and Chairs in the Balcony.

HIBBING, MINN.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
C. P. BAKER, PASTOR
RESIDENCE AT HOLLAND ST.

HIBBING, MINN. Jan. 17th 1907

WICHITA, KANS.

C. L. DAVIDSON
INVESTMENT SECURITIES
WICHITA, KANSAS

Jan. 5th, '07.

American Seating Company,
90 Wabash Ave.

Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:- The seats which we ordered and which you placed in the auditorium of St. Pauls Methodist Episcopal church, Wichita, Kansas, are very satisfactory. The pew ends are beautifully designed and are so constructed, together with the shape of the balance of the pew that they are exceedingly comfortable. The finish is very good and all together they assist in bringing to completion the most beautiful church auditorium in the state of Kansas.

Thanking you for the interest you have taken in this matter, I am,

Very truly,

C. L. Davidson
President Board Trustees

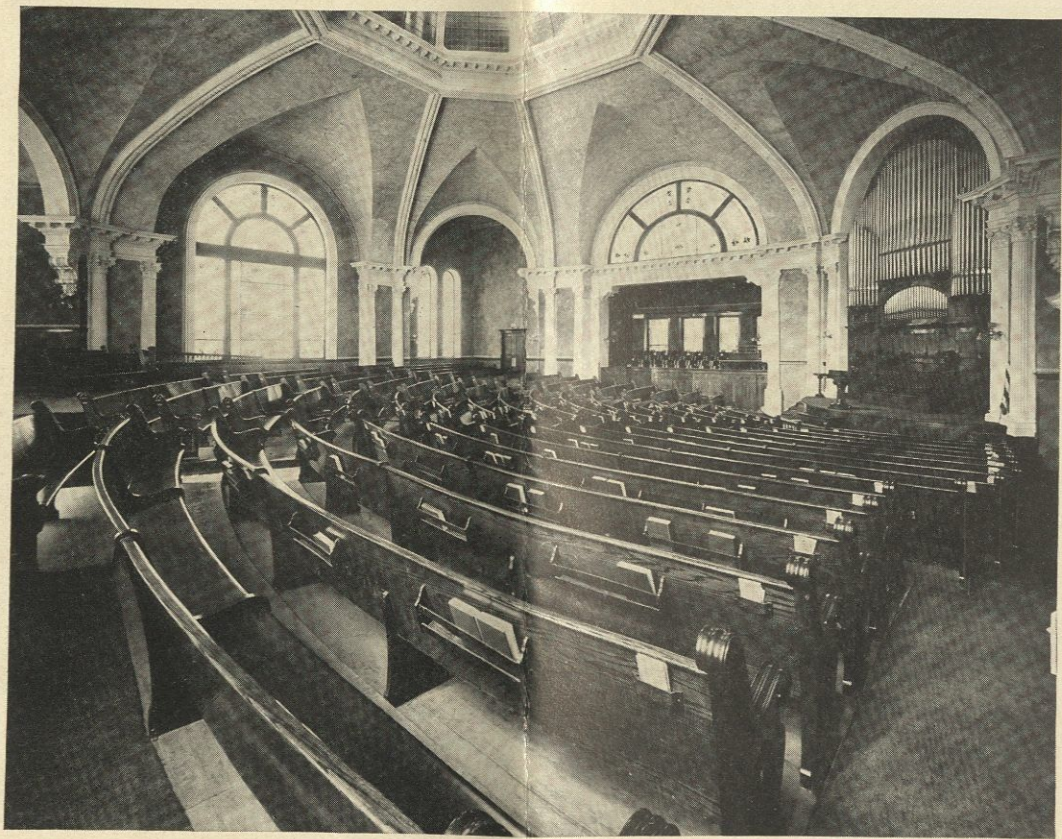
Manitowish Seating Works
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sirs:

Our people are greatly pleased with the pews and pulpit furniture furnished by you for our new church. Many people speak of the pews as being exceptionally comfortable. They curve in back and set us just right, and the appearance is all that could be desired. At the meeting of Presbytery held soon after dedication, the attention of the synod was especially attracted to the pews and one of them, Rev. J. A. McCaughey of Two Harbors, took occasion to praise the order with you for pews for their new church just dedicated.

We were also pleased with the promptness with which the order was filled - having shipped on the very day promised.

Sincerely yours,
C. P. Baker



WOODLAWN PARK METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CHICAGO, ILL.
Illustration shows use of Church Chairs in the Choir Loft. Also shows a Pulpit Set.

CHICAGO, ILL.

EDWARD B. CRAUFORD
8457 Western Ave.
CHICAGO

April 19, 1907

The American Seating Co.
City

Gentlemen:

The pews and assembly chairs
furnished by you for our new Woodlawn
Park M. Church give us very great satis-
faction. We are more than pleased with them.
We have found you on every way
worthy of our confidence.

Sincerely yours
E. B. Crauford
Pastor, Woodlawn Park
M. Church

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Dear Sirs:

In reply to your query
I wish to say that the pews in
new Holman Memorial M. Church
(Successors of the old Bates Ave.)
are very satisfactory. I hear fre-
quent expressions concerning their
comfort and neatness.

Yours sincerely
J. C. Craig
Pastor.
286 Bates Ave.,
St. Paul,
Minn.

Jan 10th. 1907.

GROVETOWN, N. H.

Grovetown N. H.

Jan 31-1907
American Seating Co.
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:-

Our foreman has placed all the
new pews in order in our Church
without the slightest difficulty. Fol-
lowing the printed instructions you
sent us. We are much pleased
with your work: it is first
class in every way.

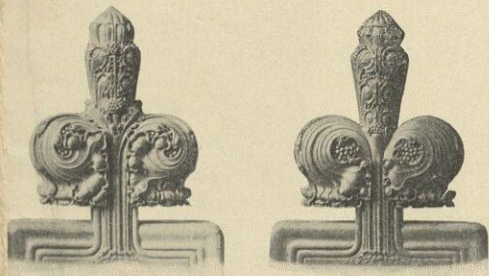
Yours truly
Hiram L. Porter
Pastor, Methodist Episcopal Church
and Chairman of Committee on
improvements.

HAND CARVED FURNITURE

Our wood carving studios located at Manitowoc, Wis., have produced the finest specimens of hand carved pew ends and pulpit furniture to be found in America. The half-tone reproductions on this page, showing details of carving, will give a correct idea of the character and quality of the furniture produced by this department of our factory. For further information concerning this work, ask for our book, "The Art of Wood Carving."



Detail of Carving on Pew End



Carved Finials



Detail of Carving on a Pulpit Chair



Carved Cap